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CITY OF HARTFORD APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Mayor Perez announced today that Dinesh Patel, Acting Director of Licenses and Inspections, has been appointed Director, effective August 29th. Mr. Patel has been with the City for almost 20 years. He began his career as a Building Plans Examiner in 1989, and in 1994 became an Electrical Engineer. Mr. Patel is a member of the Connecticut Building Officials Association, and holds a building official license from the State of Connecticut, as well as a Professional Engineer License.

Mr. Patel grew up in India, receiving his B.S. in Engineering from Lukhdirji Engineering College in Morvi-India in 1984. He went on to secure his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer at Hartford.

Over the past several months Mr. Patel has been working on improving systems within Licenses and Inspections. He is presently working with MHIS to install new software designed to create a more streamlined and reliable data collection and access system for the Division.

Licenses and Inspections recently merged into the City's new Department of Development Services. Mr. Patel will be reporting to John Palmieri who recommended his appointment to the Mayor Perez after interviewing several finalists for the position.

"Dinesh has demonstrated his breadth of knowledge and his willingness to confront difficult situations with poise and intelligence. Sometimes you find the most talented

candidates from within the organization. Dinesh understands all facets of L&I functions and is willing to make tough decisions to improve the way we provide services to the customers we serve,” stated John Palmieri.

Mayor Perez expressed his confidence in Palmieri’s selection; “Whenever possible we ought to promote from within. Dinesh has demonstrated his competence over the years, knows how the City works, and has assured me that he is ready for the call. My agenda for neighborhood revitalization depends on strong leadership in this position and I am confident that Mr. Patel will get the job done.”

Mr. Patel is married with two children. His interests include travel, and computer programming. He has been a member of the Connecticut Building Official Association since 1997.